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KNIGHT SACKED And west is angry

by John Dixon

The sacking on Sunday of Melbourne West MLC, Mr. Alex Knight, has brought an angry reaction in the electorate.

One leading Labor Party member, who asked not to be named, described the situation as Mr. Knight having been 'railroaded by his so-called friends'.

In a ballot at the Trades Hall on Sunday, Mr. Knight, 52, was defeated 51 to 47 by women's rights campaigner, Mrs. Joan Coxsedg, 43, of North Balwyn.

Won't live here

Mrs. Coxsedg said on Monday she did not, at this stage, intend moving into the electorate to live.

She would, however, establish an office on a 9 to 5 basis in the electorate and would work in the area beyond these hours when necessary, she said.

Lib. critical

The Liberal Party candidate for last year's Legislative Assembly election for the Williamstown seat yesterday criticised the out-voting of Mr. Alex Knight, MLC, as the Labor candidate at the next Legislative Council elections.

He is Mr. Ted Feeney, who opposed the Labor Member for Williamstown Mr. Gordon Stirling, last March.

Mr. Feeney said he felt Mr. Knight had been the victim of a political trade-off between factions within the Labor Party.

No thought had been given to the Melbourne West electorate in making the choice of Mrs. Joan Coxsedg over Mr. Knight, he said.

One important point was Mrs. Coxsedg lived outside the electorate. And he did not consider the "trendy Left" faction Mrs. Coxsedg represented would be popular in the western suburbs.

Mr. Knight, after doing a good job for 14 years, was to be replaced by a complete outsider.

"There's been a bit of a trade — A political deal

— and Mr. Knight has been a victim," Mr. Feeney said.

While it was not an election issue at this stage, it would become one.

Mrs. Coxsedg was such a good candidate it was hard to understand why she had not been endorsed for a marginal seat, not a Labor stronghold like Melbourne West.

The people of the electorate knew Mr. Knight and all had a good word to say for him, Mr. Feeney added.

The Liberal Party had decided on a policy of endorsing local residents for elections in the western area.

It had also to be considered Mr. Stirling's future could be in doubt when pre-selection for the Legislative Assembly elections took place, he said.

Mr. Knight was elected to the Legislative Council in 1964. He has 2½ years of his term still to serve.

At the time of his election he had been a member of Williamstown Council for about eight years, but resigned when his term ended to give all his time to parliamentary work.

Mr. Knight said on Monday he had no comment to make at that stage. Other district Labor MPs were also unable to comment.

But former MLA for Williamstown, Mr. W. L. "Larry" Floyd, said the sacking followed a pattern that had been eroding the system for years.

Local representation was important, he said, but the new system disregarded this and instead selected people with important-sounding titles for election to safe seats.

"I'm sorry to see him go," Mr. Floyd said. "He's been very good to us."

WELL-KNOWN

Mr. Knight was well-known throughout the electorate.

People stopped him in the street or went to his office to discuss their problems with him, Mr. Floyd added.

"Contact with the residents of the electorate is important, far more important than discussing in Parliament whether or not Ian Smith should be in Rhodesia".

People "dressed in titles" could not do as much for the electorate as people with a local knowledge.

Mrs. Coxsedg and her husband, Cedric, have three children.

She said on Monday she was "not unfamiliar" with parts of the electorate.

Her parents were both originally from Kensington and she spent a great deal of her childhood there.

If elected she would work with existing organisations in the electorate, such as the Western Region Commission and municipal councils, as well as district ALP branches.

She described herself as, "A Socialist with strong ideas."

Mrs. Coxsedg said she had an understanding of the problems of people in the area, including those created by the big migrant population.

She would make herself available to try and resolve these, in conjunction with existing organisations.

LIFETIME

Mr. Knight of Millers Road, Seaholme, has lived all his life in the western suburbs. He has a full-time office in Nelson Place, Williamstown.

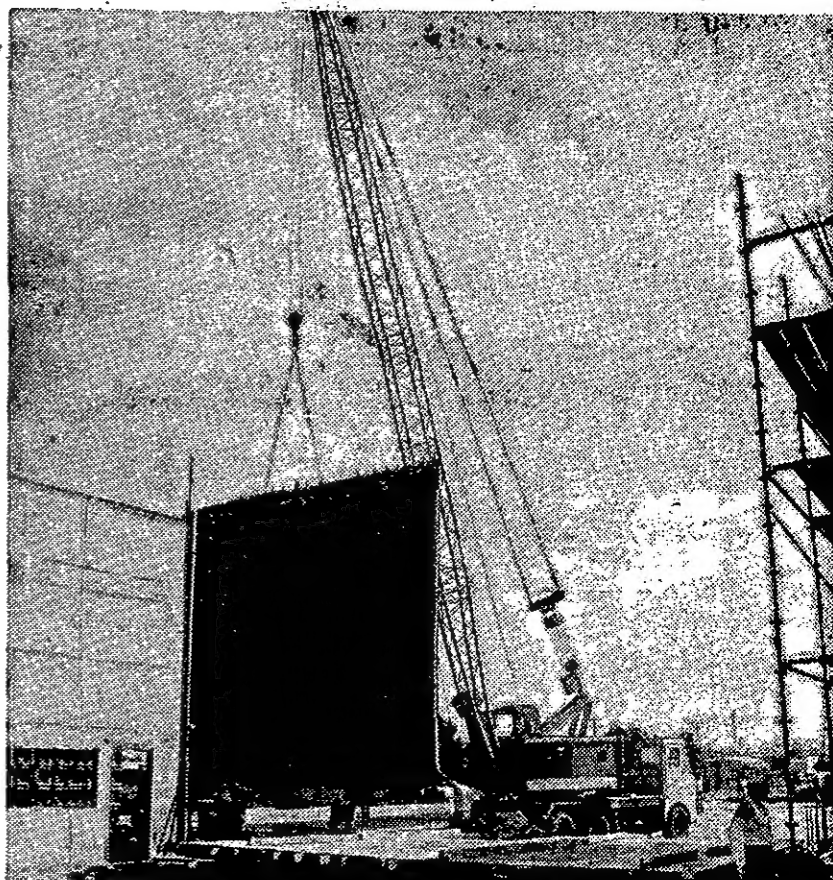
He began his working life at the Newport railway workshops and was for 12 years secretary of the Federated Engine Drivers and Firemen's Association.

Labor leaders said on Monday he had always put the electorate first and the ALP second and by so doing had achieved a great deal for the electorate and its residents.

He has no avenue of appeal against his sacking, nor can he call for a recount of votes.

Mr. Knight has easily won each election since he entered parliament.

While the seat is considered safe for Labor, his personal following will almost certainly mean a big drop in the Labor vote at the next election.



● Work on the shopping centre being built in Millers Road, Altona North has been moving at quite a pace over the past few weeks. The contractors were busy erecting walls when our cameraman took this photo on Friday. The centre is on the old Humes Quarry site at the corner of Beuron Road.

Message to mayor: ... win on paisley

Beat the Housing Commission!

That's the message to Altona's Mayor, Cr. Les Crofts, and his councillors, from the people living opposite the old Paisley briquette depot in Mills Street, Altona North.

The people of Mills Street would face the commission's proposed flats development on the present vacant land.

And they are in full support of the council's plan — to make the area parkland.

"The idea of building flats on that land is ridiculous," Mr. N. Veithuyzen told the Star.

"There are fires there regularly, sometimes two or three times a week during summer."

"Those fires just spring up spontaneously, for no obvious reason."

"The briquette dust is deep in the ground and can smoulder there for who knows how long. Yet briquettes haven't been stored there for about 10 years ...

"Can you imagine houses being built there? Those fires could pop up under one at any time. And are they going to lay down a law to say no barbecues or incinerators will be allowed there?"

Mrs. Veithuyzen: "We'd much rather have parkland there, and I hope that the council wins this battle with the commission. I know they're fighting hard. "Not only would commission flats take the area down, but we are close enough to Petroleum Re-

fineries here. Anyone living on that land would be much closer, and the smells can be quite bad at times."

Mr. G. Attall, who lives next door, agreed that the council's park idea would be preferable to commission development.

"I'd certainly like to see them do something about it," he said. His two daughters added their demand for a park.

Mr. J. Keech said he believed people suffering because of the general housing shortage would probably benefit from a Housing Commission development of the Paisley site.

"But we wouldn't," he added.

"And, of course, the commission would have to find some way of dealing with the fire problem over there."

Mr. Keech said residents in Mills Street had the constant thought when fires break out on the old briquette depot: "You just never know if it will spread."

Mrs. M. Johnson added: "Fires haven't spread this way yet — but there's always the day, especially during a high wind, when they could."

"Personally, I'd much prefer to see a park developed over there."

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'Super' John fights back

by JOSLIN RYAN

John Wylie is one of those men who slog through life as a young man, trying to cement a solid and secure future for himself and his family later on.

He is wondering now, whether all that work, study, scrimping and saving, was worth while . . .

"Because, look at me now . . . my wife and I are just surviving . . . if the rates go up again next year we'll be forced to sell out," he said.

"Let's face it. There's no way out of it."

Mr. Wylie and his wife, Margaret, live on The Strand in Williamstown, one of those streets hardest hit by what the Mayor, Cr. Peter Lalor, has called "skyrocketing rates".

He is 64 and on super-annuation. His income is fixed — there are no wage rises for people on "super", and there is no rate rebate as there is for pensioners.

His rates this year total \$1072-\$583 due to the council's coffers, and another \$489 demanded by the Board of Works.

The average rate in Williamstown is \$126.

In two years, the Wylies' rates have risen by \$322.

"It's getting to be an all-consuming worry. My rates bill is taking up nearly half my yearly income . . . I'm expecting it to get to that stage next year if the trend since 1975 continues."

"I'll just have to sell out. Find somewhere where the rates are not so absurd."

Mr. Wylie spent his childhood on the streets and in the back rooms of his father's grocery shop in Schild Street, Yarraville.

"I grew up without much privacy, nowhere I could call my own, really. That made me want to give my children room to

play, and rooms of their own.

"So I vowed, when I was pretty young, that I would provide a decent home for my family."

At 13 he left school and began work with a legal firm in the city, training to become a solicitor.

Five nights a week he went back to school, at St. Augustine's in Yarraville, and finally matriculated.

"I was set to be a fully-fledged lawyer. Then came the Depression, and money was

He says the house would be "very ordinary" in Brighton — "They'd probably have a pool too" — and would command an annual rate of \$300.

"The council has expressed sympathy for me, but sympathy, unfortunately, doesn't pay the rates."

However, Mr. Wylie isn't lying down to the body blows to his income.

He has harried both the council and the Board of Works with letters for the past two years.

"Let's face it, wouldn't it be much fairer to everyone if rates were based on ability to pay,

The council's sorry, but...

scarce — it was the boss or me, and I got the sack.

"So at the age of 18 I was out of work and that lasted for most of 1931."

"Eventually I managed to win a job in the bush with a cow cocky — I worked 80 hours a week for 7/6 (75 cents) a week, and my keep."

However, it was only later on that John felt that perhaps he had been overworked and under paid.

His father drove up to bring him home — he had found him a job with what is now Massey-Ferguson in Sunshine.

John didn't want to go. "I thought I was doing quite well, because I could save my pennies up there, there was nothing to spend money on."

"Anyway, I took my dad's advice and began at the factory. I stayed there for seven years and then war broke out."

"I was in the naval reserve, and the next thing I knew after the declaration of war, was the pack on my back. I was a signal man leading hand, and led a charmed life."

"Our ship was one of the lucky ones. But we lived on our nerves because, of course, we didn't know from one minute to the next what would happen."

At the war's end, Mr. Wylie, then 32, settled down into a clerical job at the Naval Dockyard, and set about providing for his wife and two children.

He also began saving hard for his "decent home."

"I didn't smoke, didn't drink, didn't play the horses and didn't chase women . . ."

"As well, I didn't have a holiday for 15 years, which was a bit hard on the kids. But in the end, I managed to have this house built."

"I'm very proud of it." The house includes a huge rumpus room, complete with table tennis, billiard table and pianola — the kind families used to sing around before television.

or if everyone paid an equal rate?

"I've also pointed out to the Board of Works that it would be far fairer if consumers paid for the water they used, instead of a bill based on the net annual value of a property."

"The only answers I get from the board are that their billing system is based on an Act of Parliament. I have suggested that they attempt to 'get the act changed, but the suggestion hasn't been taken up."

Mr. Wylie is now acting secretary of the Rate Reform Movement, a multi-suburb group pledged to reform rating through the Local Government Department.

This week the group held a mass rally at the opening of State Parliament on Tuesday.

Mr. Wylie was there.



• John Wylie . . . battled through depression and war . . . but it could be the rates that "get" him.

Bid to help the west disabled

A social evening for disabled people in the western suburbs will be held on Friday, March 25, from 7.30 to 10 pm.

Stall to help spastics

The Altona women's auxiliary of the Western Suburbs Spastic Relief Association will hold its first street stall in Williamstown on Friday, March 18.

The stall near Coles in Ferguson Street, will be open all day.

Proceeds will help build the first spastic relief hostel in the western suburbs.

Venue is the Victorian Society for Crippled Children and Adults centre, 79 Buckhurst Street, South Melbourne.

The evening is being organised by Peter George and Joan Rehe, members of the Western Task Force for the Disabled set up under the auspices of the Western Region Council for Social Development.

The task force has the part-time services of a WRCSO community development officer. She is Pat Tandy (689 4133).

The evening will include dancing, charades and facilities.

games and anyone with a disability is invited along with friends and family.

Alcohol will not be permitted and there will be no admittance charge. Lucky envelopes at one cent each will cover the cost of refreshments.

For more information about the evening, ring Joan Rehe on 391 4680. The task force is trying to assess and possibly provide for the needs of the handicapped in the western region.

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Westona Club celebrates

Altona Little Athletics Centre's Westona club will celebrate 10 years of "family fun and fitness" in a picnic presentation day in the adventure park at Cherry Lake on Sunday, April 3.

The day's activities, open to past and present club members, will begin at 11 am.

Cost rise

The Board of Works has lifted the cost of installing fire hydrants from \$165 to \$230. The \$65 increase is the first since February 1975.

Flats

The time delay in applications for flats will be reduced in Altona. The town-planning officer has been given the authority by the council to require applications to be advertised.

Previously the application had first to come before the council itself. The council will still have to grant or refuse permission for a building permit.

Street stall

The Council has given permission to the Altona Youth Centre Girl's Calisthenics Club to hold a street stall in Borrac Square on Friday, March 18.

The club intends raising money for equipment.

Badge days

The Asthma Foundation and the Spastic Children's

Society, have been given permission to hold badge day sales in the streets.

The foundation will sell badges on Friday, April 15, and the spastic society on Friday, June 17. The society has invited local schools and groups to help man the badge tables.

Morwell visit

Councillors from the Shire of Morwell visited Altona on Monday, February 21.

The Latrobe Valley councillors inspected the city's latest recreation reserve developments. The tour was arranged and hosted by the city engineer (Mr. Ralph Simmons) and the recreation officer (Mr. Denis Morgan).

Cr. Ted Hubble and Cr. Alan Shaw also joined the group, and reported at the last meeting of council that the Morwell men were "very impressed" with the developments in Altona.

Youth club

Mr. Arthur Draper has been appointed hallkeeper-doorkeeper at the Altona Youth Club in Civic Parade, and began duties on February 7.

He replaces Mr. Adrian



Chicago, who was hallkeeper-manager at the club.

Land for road

Three properties will be affected by the council's intended road-widening works in Dohertys Road.

Notices have already gone out to the Myer Emporium Ltd., and to Hoyts Theatres Ltd., asking whether they will accept compensation of \$1275 and \$17,000 respectively for the frontages to their land.

If the two companies are not happy with the amounts offered, the matter will go before a tribunal.

Family plan

Altona's second family-planning clinic has been set up in Murphy Street, Altona North.

The clinic will operate four days a week between the hours of 1 pm and 4 pm. The other clinic is in Somers Parade.

TPI Club

Footscray, Williamstown and Western Suburbs TPI social club members, will hold their annual meeting tomorrow (Thursday), in the Manchester Unity Hall, Footscray, starting at 1.30 pm.

The cards afternoon last Thursday, was enjoyed by 45 members. Winners were Mrs. E. Stamp and Mr. L. Corbett. The next cards afternoon, will be held on Thursday, March 17, in the Manchester Unity Hall, Footscray, starting at 1.30 pm.

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Footy club helps Flip out

The Newport Football Club has come to the aid of one of its most popular members, Phillip ("Flip") Bergin.

Late in January, Flip fell while working on the roof of his house and broke both his legs.

It looked like Flip who lives with his sister and mother in Wood Street, Newport, would be in for a lean time.

He was told he would be out of action for at least three months and during that time he would receive no workers' compensation because the accident occurred at home.

That's when his mates at the Newport Football Club chipped in and they quickly started an appeal to raise money for Flip.

Flip is a former Newport footballer and in recent years has been a keen worker for the club.

It's a measure of his popularity that a total of \$960 was raised on the first day of the appeal.

The club would like to thank all those people who helped the appeal.

Altona police briefs

Lock your homes

A wave of daytime housebreakings has struck Altona.

Urging residents to secure their homes before going to work, Sgt. Les Turner told The Star-Advertiser: "We've had at least six breakings in Altona North and Altona in the past fortnight."

"Residents can help us safeguard their property by reporting loiterers or suspicious circumstances. (Contact Altona police: 398 3077 or 398 2976).

Blyth Street resident Alan Graham has been promoted to detective sergeant in charge of Laver-ton CIB.

Police are still probing the death on February 20 of a Moonee Ponds man found on the Geelong highway, east of the Fleet Wings service station. The body of a 21-year-old man was found at 2.15 am. The man is believed to have been at a party in Chadstone a few hours before. A wallet containing \$12 was missing when his body

was discovered. Witnesses are asked to contact Sgt. Bruce Hindson at Altona police station.

Altona copped a 10-run drubbing at the hands of Williamstown during a recent Sunday cricket tournament between police stations. The match was played in Altona.

Young swimmers and beachgoers are invited to leave their bicycles at Altona police station before taking that dip, or stroll along the pier. "All they have to do is notify the constable on duty," said Sgt. Les Turner.

"The other day we must have had about 40 bikes out the back," he added.

"It certainly eliminates the time and worry spent recovering stolen bikes."

Lost property at Altona police station includes a Malvern Star bicycle, a man's Oris wrist watch found on the corner of Linnet and Rankin streets, Altona West, and a Hanimec pocket camera found in the magazine pier area. Also unclaimed is a brown leather wallet containing \$4, found on the Altona pier in January. Claimants can call in at the station.

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Promise on water main

The Minister for Water Supply, Mr. Granter, has promised Mr. Alex Knight, MLC for Melbourne West, that a faulty water main in Chifley Avenue, Altona, will be replaced.

Mr. Knight had made representations to the Minister over the continued failure of the main.

Mr. Granter said the main was constructed in 1964, and the Board of Works had attempted to remedy its failings last year.

However, the continuing failures indicated that the pipes "have deteriorated to a condition which can no longer be maintained."

He said approval "in principle" has now been given to the replacement of the main within three months.

Melbourne Singers at Spotswood

The Melbourne Singers, will present a recital at Spotswood Methodist Church Hall, on Saturday, March 19, at 8 pm.

The hall is at 110 Hudson Road.

Conductor will be Mr. Wim Watsford and guest will include world class saxophonist, Kelvin McMillan and Janet Perkins, pianiste with London's Savoy Opera Company.

Tickets are \$2.50 for adults, \$2 for pensioners and \$1 for children. Proceeds will go to the church.

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The old: don't take 'em over

Those who live with the elderly should think along the lines of caring about them rather than putting in a takeover bid for their lives.

Dr. B. Russell, a geriatrician at the Mount Royal Special Hospital for the Aged said this while delivering the opening lecture in a course on care of the elderly at home at the Western General Hospital's geriatric day care hospital.

The course is being run by the Victorian Association of Occupation Therapists in conjunction with the Western Region Committee on the Ageing.

Dr. Russell said that those who care for elderly relatives must remember that life experience and even cultural differences can be important in understanding the elderly.

"You must think: How has this person's life been shaped over the past 70 years? He/she has known two wars and a depression, you have known one war and your children have known no great period of turmoil," said Dr. Russell.

"Your attitude will induce a reaction in your elderly relative," she continued.

"Aggression leads to aggression, criticism can cause hostility or withdrawal while politeness induces self-esteem and confidence."

Dr. Russell said caring about an aged person implied a non-obtrusive, interested and affectionate relationship allowing

each person to maintain independence.

"I think we must get rid of the old cliches and ideas which are shown by remarks like: 'They are just like children; it's just old age; isn't she marvellous for her age,'" said Dr. Russell.

She pointed out that there are in fact treatable conditions in the elderly which have no direct relation to ageing.

"For example, if grandmother goes off her legs there is a damn good reason for this."

"It may be due to an infection in her lungs or urine which makes her feel weak and lethargic. It may be a minor stroke, or depression."

Dr. Russell said the elderly need a lot of fluid to maintain normal kidney function. Illness can add extra strain on the heart.

She said it is normal for the elderly to take longer to perform a task or work out a new problem because of diminishing dexterity and coordination and changes in hearing and vision.

"It is true to say that an old dog can learn new tricks, but it takes longer," said Dr. Russell.

"What we must beware of is attributing any deterioration in function to old age."

Dr. Russell said it is

necessary to continue to have interests and goals until we die and lack of contact with outside people can lead to loneliness, apathy and depression.

A survey of elderly people showed that they felt the following factors, in order, were important for contentment in their old age:

Good health, financial independence, separate living arrangements from their children, friends of their own, a hobby or job, exchange of love and services with younger people.

Dr. Russell ended her lecture by saying that a person with severe physical or mental deterioration can place tremendous stress on those relatives who care for him/her.

Support from visiting nurses' services, day-care centres and periodic admission to a hospital can bring relief.

But when relatives can no longer cope, Dr. Russell said, they should not feel guilty about placing their elderly loved one into a nursing home.

There are four more lectures in the series. Lectures are held at the Western General's geriatric day-care centre in Footscray from 7.30 to 9 pm followed by supper.

Future topics are: March 9, independence and mobility; March 16, community support services; March 23: recreation; March 30: family stress, grief, death.

Anyone interested should register on the night.

Students from Williamstown High School are video-taping the lectures which will eventually be available to those who can't attend.

The tapes may also be translated into other languages.

Red Cross 'callers' wanted

Williamstown's mayor, Cr. Peter Lalor, has appealed for volunteers to doorknock throughout the city for Red Cross this month.

Cr. Lalor said he commended the Red Cross appeal to people in Williamstown "in the name of humanity."

Anyone who can help the Williamstown Red Cross Appeal Committee by volunteering as a "caller" should ring Mrs. Isobel Caithness on 397 5772, or the town hall on 397 1800.

The committee has agreed to doorknock throughout Williamstown on Saturday and Sunday, March 19 and 20.

Cr. Lalor is chairman of the committee, Mrs. Isobel Caithness is secretary and Mr. S. Smith is treasurer.

"Williamstown Council has always been very conscious of the work done by the Red Cross — not only locally, but on a national and international level," Cr. Lalor said.

"It has always supported Red Cross efforts to raise money for its services to the needy, the sick and the injured in the war area, during war or peace."

Wonderful world of Wookeys

By Ron Coleman

Wookeys, 50 or more of them, armed with cut lunches and cameras, invaded Fitzroy Gardens last Sunday.

There were Wookeys from Williamstown, Geelong, Snake Gully, Springvale, Lilydale, Bendigo and both sides of the Black Stump.

Camera lenses opened and shut. Sandwiches were devoured in the sunshine and yarns exchanged in Wookey language.

What is a Wookey?

Wookeys are believed to have evolved way back in the ice age in a cave in Somers, England, known as Wookey Hole.

They became natives of Australia in 1843 when the smiling eyes of a Scottish lass captured the heart of a sailor. William Alexander Wookey, a Liverpudlian.

Will reluctantly traversed the briny once more to gain a landing permit and return to his colonial sweetheart.

Williamstown elders may remember Will's son "Grandad" Wookey who used to operate the railway gates (Wookey Gates, if you don't mind) near Williamstown Gardens.

Will didn't tarry in Williamstown, he settled in Snake Gully, Ballarat, where Wookeys are thriving.

Sunday's Wookey get-together was organised by Mr. Ted Wookey of Twyford Street, Williamstown and his niece Mrs. Reg (Wookey) Harley, of Wood Street, Newport.

"The family is full of interesting history," said Mrs. Harley Wookey.

Mrs. Harley's brother Sid, of Stanley Street, Williamstown played Wookey footy for the Seagulls in the early 50s. Her aunt Mrs. Aggie (Wookey) Parkinson lives in Wellington Parade, Williamstown.

"Until recently Wookeys only came in contact with each other at funerals," added Mrs. (Wookey) Harley.

"We had a reunion 13 years ago and another two years ago. We were going to have them every leap year but the older Wookeys were worried they wouldn't make the next one."

"There were 80 of us in Fitzroy gardens two years ago but only 50 last Sunday."

Wookeys were originally Wokis. But don't hold that against them. They are nice people really.

And if anybody has any more interesting anecdotes about Wookeys, please contact Mrs. Reg (Wookey) Harley (Ph. 391 5152 A.H.).

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Rodeo in the wild west

Thrills, spills, flying 10-gallon hats and sore-saddle bums will be the order of the day when the Little River rodeo gets under way on Sunday, March 13.

Some of Australia's roughest, toughest, cowboys and wranglers will try to maintain their equilibrium on some of the meanest horses and steers on Australia's rodeo circuit.

A feature of the rodeo, which will raise funds for the Little River fire brigade will be a wild water buffalo from Darwin.

And the cowboy will not be the only riders. Children will be able to ride camels, ponies and a train.

Rodeo started many years ago in America when one cowboy bet another he could ride anything on four legs.

Often criticised by animal lovers, rodeo provides the only opportunity for livestock to make a fool of man before reappearing in our world as meat pies at footy matches.

Professional rodeo riders following the Australian circuit often drive thousands of miles dragging a horse float and their possessions to a place where, if they are lucky, they have an eight to 10 second ride.

Compared with bull-fighting and cock-fighting rodeo is a gentle sport. But not for the professional riders who often break limbs or ribs on hard ground or under the

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The Altona Little Athletics Centre continued its championships on Saturday.

Results were:
GIRLS

Under-7 400m Walk: C. Tab (W) 1, K. Green (W) 2, K. Sheriffs (A) 3.

200m: C. Rigby (A) 1, C. Tabb (W) 2, A. Thomas (S) 3.

Under-8 400m walk: S. Arnold (A) 1, D. Brown (AN) 2, T. Murphy (AN) 3. 200m: N. Height (W) 1, J. Smith (A) 2, H. Pendlewick (SM) 3.

Under-9 200m: M. Apap (SM) 1, M. Osbourne (W) 2, K. McInerney (SM) 3.

Triple jump: D. Harrison (A) 1, G. Weber (AN) 2, K. Jachno (AN) 3.

60m Hurdle: G. Weber (AN) 1, D. Stewart (S) 2, J. Knight (W) 3.

Under-10 800m walk: K. Murphy (S) 1, S. Wilson (W) 2.

200m: N. Cheswright (AE) 1, S. Richards (AE) 2, L. Magnabosco (SM) 3.

Under-11 long jump: L. Thompson (W) 1, H. Crofts (S) 2, L. Craig (W) 3.

200m: J. Murfett (W) 1, T. Hume (AN) 2, M. Canji (W) 3.

60m hurdle: J. Murfett (W) 1, J. Bishop (A) 2.

Under-12 1500m walk: J. Daly (W) 1, J. Sheriffs (A) 2, E. Ritchie (W) 3.

Shot put: C. Neil (A) 1, C. Saunders (AN) 2, K. Roadley (A) 3.

60m hurdles: C. Neil (A) 1, S. Muschiali (SM) 2, C. Saunders (AN) 3.

200m: A. Canji (W) 1, J. Polwarth (AN) 2, C. Saunders (AN) 3.

BOYS

Under-7 — 100m: D. Chetcuti (AN) 1, D. Lowe (AN) 2, M. Menzies (AN) 3.

Under-8—Long jump: J. Ferguson (W) 1, A. Rawson (S) 2, T. Tomlinson (AN) 3.

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800m: D. Brown (W) 1, D. Tisdale (W) 2, J. Jumper (SM) 3.

Under-12 100m. — G. Lowe (A.) 1, M. Bleakley (W) 2, S. Miller (SM) 3.

Shot put: R. Shewan (W) 1, S. Harrison (A) 2, P. Goessler (SM) 3.

60m hurdle: D. Neuwert (S) 1, M. Green (W) 2, G. Reinwald (W) 3.

High jump: R. Shewan (W) 1, D. Hyde (W) 2.

Rivals clash

Newport ANA clashed with arch rivals Altona North in the North A VJCA semi-final at the weekend and though ANA is in a strong position, there are two days of the game to go.

Both teams are coached by former Williamstown cricketers. Geoff Horsburgh coaches ANA and Bertie Park is coach of Altona North.

North won the toss and batted on a almost grassless wicket.

Horsburgh took the early prize — Bertie Park's wicket and the score was 3/21.

A steady partnership by Costello 31 and Boicos 12, moved the runs total past 50.

A wicket by spinner Hughes was the signal for "The Horse" to rip through the opposition batsmen and North was finally dismissed for 70 with Horsburgh taking 7/28 off 10.6 overs.

He was well supported by Alan Self 2/20 and Gary Hughes 1/12, and some first class close-to-the-wicket catching.

Knight and Ware

Sapphires and music

Altona gemstone hunters have arranged an evening of musical entertainment at the Senior Citizens' club rooms, Sargood Street, Altona, on Saturday, March 26, starting at 8 pm.

Brash's Ltd. . . . the music people will demonstrate the versatility of electric organs. Admission will be by donation.

The following morning (Sunday, March 27) members will set off in search of sapphires at Morrison's Creek, meeting at Anakie Fair Park at 10.30 am.

Next monthly meeting of the Altona Lapidary Club is on Tuesday, April 19. Meetings are held every third Tuesday in the month. (Inquiries: 398 1831 A.H.).

opened for ANA and compiled 53 before they were separated.

Ware made a hard-hitting 28 and 18-year-old Greg Knight a stylish 48.

At stumps, ANA were 3/127 with Askew on 19 and Becroft 18.

The game will continue on Saturday and Monday.

Nilson in finals

Williamstown High School's Nilson team became the first of the school's table tennis teams to make the finals so far this season.

The team finished second on the Northern B2 grade ladder, and will meet third-placed team, Coburg.

In the Western Suburbs Table Tennis Association, three school teams with premiership chances had strong wins.

Tommy Chan made a welcome return to the C grade team after spending the past two months in Hong Kong. The team, which had to win well to stay in the four, annihilated its opposition 10-1, with Geoff Van Wyngaarden playing brilliantly.

There is one round to go before the finals begin.

Results:

Northern B2 grade: Nilson 9 (Jason Warland 3, Gary Richardson 1, Paul Miles 3, two doubles) d. Doncaster 2. Aggregates: J. Warland 17-4, P. Miles 15-6, G. Richardson 11-10.

WSTTA, A Reserve: WHS 8 (J. Warland 3, Luciano Azzopardi 2, Garry Hoffmann 1, two doubles) d. Spotswood 3.

Cl. WHS 10 (G. Van Wyngaarden 3, Peter Davies 3, T. Chan 2, two doubles) d. Newport Post Office 1.

El. WHS 11 (Anthony Watts 3, Claudio Azzopardi 3, Alex Hell 3, two doubles) d. Footscray Town Hall 0.

Progressive aggregate: A Reserve — J. Warland 33-3, L. Azzopardi 29-10, G. Hoffmann 15-6. Cl — G. Van Wyngaarden 27-6, P. Davies 21-12, T. Chan 10-8. El — A. Watts 36-3, C. Azzopardi 34-5, A. Hell 29-7.

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RUDD — Bernie. — Carmel and family would like to thank all relatives and friends for cards, floral tributes and sympathy in the sad loss of our beloved wife and mother, Alma Marea.

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BAIRD. — In loving memory of our dear daughter and sister (Barbara Joan) who passed away March 10, 1963. Loved and remembered always, Harold, Anne and Annette.

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WEDDING

HUNTER — BARRETT. — Mr. and Mrs. W. Hunter of Altona happily announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Cheryl, to Peter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barrett of Newport, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Barkly Street, Footscray on Saturday 12th March, 1977, at 3.30 pm.

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Training starts

The Williamstown Junior Football Club has started training for the new season.

Below are the training programmes for the various age groups:

Under-14: training held every Tuesday at Digman Reserve, Newport, and every Thursday at the Williamstown Tech. oval. Games played on Saturday, at 10 a.m. Coach is Graeme Brathy.

Under-13: Monday training at Digman Reserve and Wednesday at the Williamstown Tech. oval. Saturday games start at 8.45 a.m. Coach is George Fairley.

Under-12: Monday training at Williamstown Tech. and Wednesday at Digman Reserve. Games held on Sunday, at 11.30 a.m. Coach is Ted Hudson.

Under-11: Training at Digman Reserve on Tuesday and at Fearon Reserve on Fridays. Games held on Sunday, at 10 a.m. Coach is John Wright.

Under-10 and Under-10 teams could play curtain raisers to senior match, which would mean a change in playing times.

New players in all age groups are welcome.

Office bearers elected at the club's annual meeting:

K. McDonald (president); L. Goding (administrator); T. Hudson (assistant secretary); B. O'Dwyer (treasurer); Mrs. Yates (minute secretary); G. Yates (senior vice-president); T. Aceri, G. Bratby, M. Brierty, D. Hughes, E. McDonald and G. Robertson (vice-presidents); Mrs. J. Clerk (auditor).

The Williamstown Junior Football Club, formerly known as the Holy Trinity Football Club is now a constituted club. Rules and constitution were adopted at the annual meeting.

Gemstone expo

Gemstone hunters and lapidary enthusiasts will find plenty to interest them at the Western Suburbs Lapidary Club's "Gemstones to Jewellery" exposition at the Yarraville community centre (Francis Street, Yarraville) from Friday, March 18 to Sunday, March 20.

The exposition will feature gemstone cutting, jewellery making, gems and minerals from all parts of the world and prize winning exhibits from Victorian gem clubs.

There will also be fossils, trade stalls, lucky dips, trading post, games and novelties, refreshments, barbecue facilities and picnic area and cold drinks.

Admission will be 50 cents (adults), 10 cents (children) and 20 cents (pensioners).

CITY OF ALTONA

NEW FAMILY SERVICE

As from 21st March, 1977, a new Family Planning Clinic will operate at the Murphy Street Infant Welfare Centre in Altona North. The Clinic will be open every Monday afternoon from 1 pm to 4 pm. The Clinic is additional to the one already operating in Altona West.

S. FELL, Town Clerk.

High-speed chase ends in jail

A high-speed car chase through the streets of Newport and Yarraville just before Christmas, ended at Pentridge for 25-year-old William Hedgcock on Thursday.

Police told Mr. D. Scully, SM, Hedgcock sped from May Street, Newport, through residential streets to Francis Street, Yarraville, at speeds reaching 140 kmh on December 21.

Hedgcock, of Chirnside Street, Kingsville, later told the police: "I'm sorry about that."

He said he had no licence, and had been trying to get away from the police in the car behind him.

Constable Alan Martin, of Newport police, told the court on Thursday, he had been on duty in May Street, when he saw a red Valiant make a sharp right-hand turn into Charlotte Street, accelerating rapidly.

"The car swung into Blackshaws Road, I turned on the police vehicle's blue light and siren and followed at a speed of 120 kmh," Constable Martin said.

He said that he chased the Valiant at speeds of between 85 and 140 kmh.

"As he went around the corners, the tyres on his car would screech, the car itself would swing right and left, and it would skid across the road-way."

"In Fernot Street, I was about 75 metres behind the Valiant when it hit a yellow Galant violently. The Galant had been travelling slowly in the left-hand lane."

"The Valiant continued into The Avenue, and the driver almost lost control as the car slid around the corner."

"I was about 25 metres behind him at this stage, and travelling at 100 kmh."

"In Cullen Street, Spotswood, pedestrians crossing the road had to run out of the way when the Valiant drove along."

"In Francis Street, Yarraville, the car reached speeds of 130 and 140 kmh."

"I intercepted the driver soon after. He gave his name and address as William Hedgcock, of Chirnside Street, Footscray."

"He explained that he had no drivers' licence, and had never had one, which was the reason he had led me on a 20 km chase. He said he was trying to get away from me."

"He agreed that he had

driven in a dangerous manner, and said that he hoped the lady in the car I hit wasn't hurt."

"He said he hadn't stopped after that accident because he wanted to get away," Const. Martin said.

In court on Thursday, Hedgcock was refused an adjournment of the hearing. He was wanted legal representation.

The court was told that the hearing was originally set for January 13, but Hedgcock, out on bail, had failed to appear.

He told Mr. Scully: "I had cold feet."

Mr. Scully sentenced him to one month on the charge of dangerous driving, one month for unlicensed driving, \$50 for failing to stop after an accident, and \$50 for failing to give his name and address after an accident.

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CITY OF ALTONA EXAMINATION AND SETTLEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

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Notice is further given that the accounts will be examined and settled at the ordinary meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, March 22, 1977 at 8 pm.

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Athletes win four top grade flags

Williamstown Amateur Athletic Club won the four top grade premierships at the weekend for the first time in the club's history. Under-13 competitors won a fifth flag for Williamstown.

During competition at Melbourne University, three Williamstown club records were broken, one equalled and 15 personal best times were recorded.

As it became obvious that the five teams would win their premierships, excitement and encouragement from spectators urged the athletes on.

In each of the finals, the top four clubs competed against each other with the winner on the day becoming premier. Sprints were contested as three heats, one competitor of each team to a heat, while the field games had four competitors, distance events 12.

B grade competed against MUAC, Footscray and Old Xaverians.

MUAC took an early lead when they were the only club to contest the hammer throw. They still held this lead after the 1500m walk, in which John Steward finally broke the seven minute mark while Ken McLeod just missed out. John walked a pb of 6:56.8 (3rd) and Ken 7:00.8 (4th).

The 400m hurdles saw Williamstown come into the lead.

Shane Dooley ran a superb race and easily won his heat in a new club record time of 56.0 sec. Ian Jackson won the second heat in 58.9 secs.

The 200m. was the only event causing concern. Good results were essential to a team win, and that is exactly what was achieved.

Paul Jamieson was second in the first heat, to John Higham of MUAC, in 21.6.

Tony Gaggino easily won heat two in 22.2 and Shane Dooley did the same in heat three, also in 22.2.

Brian Davidson won the long jump, Peter Whinney was second in the javelin, Gary Hall was third in the high jump and Mick Lawrie was second in the shot and discus.

In the 800m. it was a race between MUAC and Williamstown.

John Higham of MUAC (the national title and record holder) won but Greg McKay made a determined effort.

Terry Phelan came home fourth and Eero Keranen ran a hard race. He was only just pipped by the third MUAC runner and had to be content with sixth place.

Brian Davidson and Shane Dooley both ran well in their heats of the 110m hurdles. Each won their respective heats convincingly.

All season the relay team has threatened to break the 4 x 200m record and on this final day they knocked 0.6 of a second off the old record. Shane Dooley, Tony Gaggino, Ian Jackson and Paul Jamieson recorded 1:29.6 for the event.

In the 1500m, Eero Keranen ran a strong race indicating renewed confidence after his injuries. He finished third.

Final points: Williamstown 180, MUAC 168, Old Xaverians 87, Footscray 80.

C GRADE

Williamstown started slowly against Werribee and Old Melbourne. The team was unbeaten all season and was six points down at the last event.

This was the 5000m with Barry Whear and Rob Hutcheon as the team. Midway through the race they were running second and third. They had to hold these places to give the team a one point win.

With only a couple of laps left Rob moved past Barry as did a Werribee runner a little later. Rob now had to win, a message that numerous voices blasted at him every time he passed the club's vantage point.

With just over one lap to go Rob began to make a move that kept him in front. He won by 40m.

Earlier John Condon and George Adams both did pb's in the 1500m walk. John was third in 7:15.4 and George fifth in 7:29.0.

Ian McKay ran his pb in the 200m with a time of 22.8, an improvement of 0.4 secs. Ian won his heat after having run in the 400m hurdles. He won his heat, as did David Jamieson in 23.1.

Brenton Dodd won his heat of the 110m hurdles and was third in the 400m hurdles.

In the 800m there were a couple of disturbances, mostly between Sunshine and Werribee but Williamstown's Rob McLaren couldn't avoid it.

As a result, two Sunshine and one Werribee competitors were disqualified. Rob ran 2.00 exactly and would have certainly broken this barrier if not for the trouble. Peter Tiktakis and Rob Hutcheon both ran well.

The relay team: Ian McKay, David Jamieson, Daryl Whinney and Mike Iaccarino were easy winners despite David pulling a hamstring muscle with 100m still to go, and

Ian running on badly blistered feet.

Points: Williamstown 136, Old Melb. 133, Sunshine 119 and Werribee 108.

D GRADE

Williamstown won by 24 points from Richmond 112, Footscray 97 and Old Melbourne 67.

David Jamieson and Darryl Whinney won their heats of the 400m hurdles. Daryl's time of 63.1 was his best.

All three 200m runners won their heats. Mike Iaccarino ran his best of 23.1 while Paul Markopoulos ran 24.0 and Peter Thompson 24.2.

Tony Farrar put a pb of 9.54m to come second in the shot. Paul Markopoulos won the long jump, Brian Davidson won the javelin and Cliff Barling came second in the walk.

Paul Markopoulos ran a good 800m, as did Gary Hall who ran his best. The relay team were clear winners. Peter Tiktakis and Rob Brown were third and fifth respectively in the 5000m.

UNDER 17

The Under 17s won by 43 points. Final results were Williamstown 135, Old Wesley 92, Werribee 92 and EMH 60.

Barry McCready won the hammer (34.44m) and started the team towards an easy win. Barry also won the shot with a put of 13.25m.

Matthew Webster equalled the sub-junior 200m record when he was second in his heat in 23.1. Both Bruce Orchard (23.3) and Stuart Bazga won their heats. Chris Lowden won both the high jump and the long jump.

Charlie Yankos won his heat of the 110m hurdles and won the javelin with a best of 47.68m.

Steve Hardeman ran a best of 2:16.2 in the 800m and Ross Williams ran 11:36.0 in the 3000m. The relay team won convincingly in 1:36.6.

UNDER 13

Gary Strachan broke the club record for the 1500m walk but was once again edged out of a win by Sunshine's walker. Gary's time was 7:52.4.

This was the first event and the result was the only time this team was behind. From the next event on, they went away to a win by 26 points.

John Barnett won the shot and his heat of the 100m (25.8).

Paul Lowden equalled his best 200m time of 26.7 and won his heat, he also won the 80m hurdles (13.1) and long jump (5.00m).

George Lerias was second in the 200m (27.5) and third in the 800m (2:31).

Jim Kalisperis was second in his 200m heat and Terry Martin was second in the 800m (2:28.2). The relay team also won.

Final points: Williamstown 119, EMH 93, Altona 59, Sunshine 58.

Hewet's bowling wins for Gulls

Williamstown cricketers finished up their season on Saturday with both the Firsts and Seconds beating Werribee in one-day matches.

The Firsts went down to the rustic Chirnside Oval complex, and can credit their win mainly to a big bowling effort by young Laurie Hewet, who was in the side replacing injured Tony Cahill.

Werribee captain/coach Don Wilson won the toss and sent the visitors in to bat.

The Gulls got off to a bad start when Wilson captured Phil McTaggart for 11 then Steve Sandri for a duck.

Then Trevor Cloughton caught Les Joslin,

off the bowling of Bean, and the Gulls were 3/27.

Les Meyers and John James got the score past 50 and Meyers fell to Drinkall. James' valuable hand came to an end, leaving the Gulls at 5/54.

Robin Dyson made only 4 and Barry

McConnell helped push the score along until he fell for 9.

Andy Gibson went out for a duck then Laurie Hewet came in to begin his match-winning contribution.

With Bill Fowler, he pushed the score along to 9/95.

Werribee opened their account after tea and got to 16 before Hewet chipped in and caught Swan off Gibson's bowling.

Hewet took over the bowling and had former Williamstown player, Trevor Cloughton caught by Sandri. Werribee still had the edge at 2/30.

Young Hewet got his second scalp when Dyson caught Birrer and Allardice made 11 before he was sent back to the pavilion.

Hewet handed Figgins the dreaded duck and then Bill Fowler took a great catch to put Hewet on the hat-trick.

Ison was the man in the hot seat, and he thwarted Hewet, only to be bowled by Joslin in the next over.

Werribee were now 7/44, and the pendulum had swung back towards Williamstown.

Hewet pushed a faster one through to clean bowl Marriott and the score was 8/44. Bill Fowler took a catch to give Les Joslin the scalp of skipper, Don Wilson.

Then Drinkall put up a tubborn last-wicket stand before going for 15, and Werribee were all out, 22 short of the Seagull score.

Williamstown batted again, and were 1/16 at stumps.

SCOREBOARD

Williamstown: first innings: John James c. Drinkall b. Wilson 25, Phil McTaggart c. Ison b. Wilson 11, Steve Sandri c. Drinkall b. Wilson 0, Les Joslin c. Cloughton b. Bean 41, Les Meyers lbw Drinkall 9, Bill Fowler c. Allardice b. Wilson 7, Robin Dyson c. Ison b. Wilson 4, Barry McConnell c. Birrer b. Drinkall 5, Andrew Gibson c. Marriott b. Wilson 0, Bill Fowler n.o., 3, Laurie Hewet n.o. 17, Sundries 10. Total 9/95 cc.

Bowling: Don Wilson 6/38 off 2.3 overs; Mick Drinkall 2/13, Jeff Bean 1/22.

Werribee: First innings: Ken Swan c. Laurie Hewet b. Andy Gibson 7, Ron Birrer c. Rob Dyson, b. Hewet 19, Trev. Cloughton c. Steve Sandri b. Hewet 2, Geoff Fiddin c. Dyson b. Hewet 3, Allardice c. McConnell b. Hewet 11, Kirk Norton c. Fowler b. Hewet 0, Lin Ison b. Joslin 0, Ed Marriott b. Hewet 0, Jeff Bean n.o. 7, Don Wilson c. Fowler b. Joslin 7, Mick Drinkall c. McTaggart b. Gibson 15, Sundries 2. Total 73.

Bowling: Laurie Hewet 9 overs 5/29, Les Joslin 6 overs 3/9, Andy Gibson 6.3 overs 2/23, Barry McConnell 2 overs 0/10.

The Williamstown Seconds batted first and made 7/135 cc. Trevor Smith top-scored with 44.

They skittled Werribee for 80, with John Fowler taking 4/6.

None of the Werribee sides made the finals this year.

Footy side loses practice match

In the "upset of the season", lowly second division side Sunshine inflicted a five-goal defeat on newly promoted Williamstown in a practice football game at the weekend.

The Crows proved more ball hungry than the over confident seagulls.

Mal Allan got the Gulls' first goal, then Ray Powley got another, but at the first change the home side led by two goals.

Williamstown full forward, Frank Briner, showed good form in the second term to get two goals.

Back from his short retirement Bob Percy showed his usual dash as a ruck rover.

But Sunshine still held their two-goal lead at half-time.

Briner continued to goal well, and at centre half-forward Peter Mildenhall started to move.

Steve Tarr, from Albion was having his first run with Williamstown and showed he could be an asset.

Former Tasmanian, Vasil, came on at the last change, and so did Wayne Daley, from Port, and this pair put a bit of vigor into the game.

Greg Tweedly booted two goals in the final term, but Williamstown could not catch their fitter opponents.

SUNSHINE 13.7-85 d. WILLIAMSTOWN 8.7-55.

The Williamstown Seconds showed more determination and spirit than Sunshine and won by 13 points.

WILLIAMSTOWN 9.9-63 d. SUNSHINE 7.8-50.

Williamstown best:

Be in it!

The "Life - Be In It" campaign will hit Altona on Sunday, March 20.

Called "Operation Recreation", the afternoon will be a day for the whole family to join in all sorts of activities at Cherry Lake.

On the list of activities already are: Sailing, raft building, music, obedience dog displays, an art show (at 85 Millers Road), tennis, social clubs, Guides and Scouts, and entertainment organised by the Altona Library.

The Jolly Jumbuck, a children's media van, will be on loan to the library for the day. The van includes a puppet theatre for use by the children.

Chris Sullivan, Laurie Taylor, Ron Auld, Andrew Donnelly, Peter Gardner, Steve Vasil and Gary Simpson.

The Thirds, who have lost 10 players from last season's side, also went down to Sunshine.

SUNSHINE 12.9-81 d. WILLIAMSTOWN 8.9-59.

Williamstown goals: Wayne Stevens 2, Tony Walsh 2, Geoff Bell, Eric Dusack, John Murphy, Richard Kappel. Best: Brendan Murphy, Kelvin Lavell, Wayne Stevens, John Murphy, Jack Kennan and Craig Eldridge and Shane Smith, both from the juniors.

There are no matches The club plays three over the long weekend. matches at Chirnside Park on Sunday, March 20.

Baseball season ends

Sunday's baseball games saw the end of the home-and-away matches, and Newport Rams ended the season with a win, to regain top position in the division 1 ladder.

On Wednesday they were too much for Preston and ran out easy winners. Newport 6 d. Preston 2.

On Sunday, with John Comer in superb form on the mound, Rams held Blackburn out to take the points. Comer conceded only two hits and three walks, while striking out 12 batsmen in nine innings.

Newport 3 d. Blackburn 2.

Hits, Newport 7, Blackburn 2 Errors, Newport 6, Blackburn 1. Safe hits, Harris 2, Ockwell 2, Comer 2, Simpson.

The second nine, A2, played their best game of the season against Blackburn, but failed to make the finals by one game (two points).

It has been a fairly good season for this team, but a little more

application would have put them into the finals series, along with A1, and east and west division three teams.

Newport 5. Blackburn 4.

Hits, Newport 8, Blackburn 7. Errors, Newport 1, Blackburn 4. Safe hits, Wilson 2, Cassell 2, Bechaz 2, J. Maher, Eckardt.

The Division 3 east team got off to a bad start when Springvale led by five runs on the first innings. But a great fight back by the Rams saw them run out easy victors.

Newport 10 d. Springvale 5.

Hits, Newport 6, Springvale 6. Errors, Newport 4, Springvale 10. Safe hits, James 2, Duggan, Butlin, Merriman, Sullivan. Best, J. Armstrong.

For the division 3 west, strong batting was once again the winning factor.

The batting was backed up by good pitching from Col Smith.

Newport 15 d. Melbourne 8.

Hits, Newport 16, Melbourne 7. Errors, Newport 10, Melbourne 11. Safe hits, J. Bell 3 (inc. home run), N. Dey 4, J. Greenwood 2, D. Reed 2, G. Williams, N. Thatcher, C.

Smith, T. Cloughton, G. Smythe.

The Under-17 team received a walkover, but the Under-15 team was beaten by cricket - too many players were tied up in finals and not available.

Even so the team was beaten by only one bad innings when they lapsed into error and allowed their opponents in for 11 runs.

Newport 6 d. Footscray 14.

Hits, Newport 4, Footscray 6. Errors, Newport 10, Footscray 4. Safe hits, Edwards 2, Thompson, Cocks.

The Under-13 A team played well below top form but still proved too good for Footscray and finished the season six points clear on top of the ladder.

Newport 14 d. Footscray 4.

Hits, Newport 9, Footscray 2. Errors, Newport 2, Footscray 4. Safe hits, Cornish 2 (inc. home run), Douglas 2, Mann (home run), Zahra, Portelli, Cleary, Minetti; best, Mann, Cornish, Cleary.

Teams in finals: A1 top of ladder, 34 points; east, second 20 pts.; west fourth, 14 pts.; Under-17, Under-13 A; Under-15 awaiting result of protest.

BOWLERS

Altona Working Men's Club bowling section men's teams won only one of three matches at the weekend.

The A4 team went down to Clifton Park, 93 to 86, with the best Altona rink comprising A. Short (S) H. Marshall, F. McLennan and R. Lawley.

The C1 team was defeated 67-59 at the hands of Essendon.

Best Altona rink in this match was G. Curnow (S), S. Hatefull, J. Edington and J. Banks.

The winning rink was in C2, where AWMC had a 90-76 win over Footscray RSL.

Best rink in this clash was D. Nettleton (S), J. Pugsley, E. Dickson and V. Cater.

This was the major win for the day, by 19 shots.

In Sunday's mixed event, the winning rink comprised J. Betts (S), D. Button and H. Gruist.

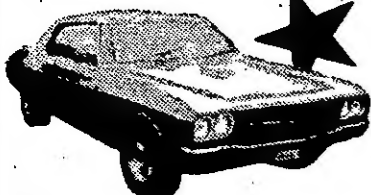
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